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# Sittingbourne and Milton Urban District Council

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NOTE.—Those marked * are Members of the Health Committee.

*Clerk to the Council*—G. H. POTTER.

*Medical Officer of Health*—
DR. A. J. WERNET, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
(Died May, 1936.)

*Temporary Medical Officer*—
DR. W. C. D. HILLS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
(May, 1936 - January, 1937.)

*Infant Welfare Medical Officer*—DR. H. BRADE-BIRKS, M.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

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*Sanitary Inspector*—
JOSEPH VARLEY, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

*Health Visitor*—
MISS W. B. HUDSON, State Registered Nurse, Health Visitors' Certificate, State Certified Midwife.

# SITTINGBOURNE AND MILTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Health Department,
Council Offices, Sittingbourne,
March, 1937.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,—

Owing to the sudden death of Dr. Wernet, your Medical Officer and my old friend, I was appointed by you and allowed by the courtesy of my Committee to act as your Temporary Medical Officer to the end of January, 1937.

It is not an easy matter to take over such duties temporarily and in the middle of a busy year. The valued assistance of your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Varley, and the intimate knowledge by Miss Evans of the clerical details, enabled the work to continue smoothly and satisfactorily. The kind expressions of appreciation transmitted to me by your Council have shown that the work has been completed to your satisfaction.

The health of your district is satisfactory from all points of view. Infectious disease continues to be maintained at a low level. The special Health Services, such as Water Supply, Drainage, Food Inspection and Milk Supply, are all satisfactory and maintained in good condition.

Your Infant Welfare has been transferred to more commodious and convenient premises and, although this work has in the past been satisfactory, its transfer will undoubtedly increase its value and usefulness.

In conclusion, I feel I must again express my thanks to your Council, and which I have already personally expressed, for your encouragement to me in my temporary duty and your expressions of satisfaction at my efforts.

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM C. D. HILLS,
Medical Officer of Health.

*Population.*—The estimate of the Registrar General for 193[illegible] is 20,920, as compared with 20,700 for 1935. The census return in 1931 was 20,177.

*Birth Rate.*—The total number of births registered was 307, consisting of 144 males and 163 females, equivalent to 14.6 per 1,000. In 1935 it was 16.4 per 1,000.

*Death Rate.*—The number of deaths of residents was 245, of which 126 were males and 119 females, equivalent to 11.7 per 1,000. In 1935 it was 11.4 per 1,000. The chief causes of death were:—(1) Heart Disease; (2) Cancer; (3) Cerebral Hæmorrhage.

*Natural Increase of Population.*—The excess of births over deaths was 62, compared with 103 in the previous year.

*Infantile Mortality.*—During the year there were 12 deaths (5 boys and 7 girls) of infants under one year of age. There were no deaths of illegitimate children under one year of age.

*Maternal Mortality.*—There was one death during the year due to puerperal causes.

*Infectious Diseases.*—During the year there were (including Tuberculosis) 47 cases notified, compared with 104 in the previous year. These included:—

*Scarlet Fever.*—Ten cases, as compared with 30 in the previous year. All treated in hospital. No fatal cases.

*Diphtheria.*—Seven cases, as compared with 34 in the previous year. All treated in hospital. No fatal cases.

*Typhoid Fever.*—No cases occurred, compared with one in the previous year.

*Tuberculosis.*—There were 12 cases of Pulmonary and 5 Non-Pulmonary cases notified, as compared with 12 Pulmonary and 6 Non-Pulmonary in the previous year.

*Other Notifiable Diseases.*—Puerperal Pyrexia, 3; Pneumonia, 4; Erysipelas, 6.

*Housing.*—During the year 167 houses were built—149 by private enterprise and 18 by the Council.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM C. D. HILLS,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. Lond.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

*Area* (in acres).—5,121.

*Population* (Census, 1931).—20,177. Registrar-General's estimate, 1936, 20,920. In 1935, 20,700.

*Number of Inhabitated Houses* (end of 1936) *according to Rate Books.*—5,816.

*Rateable Value.*—£102,840.

*Sum represented by a Penny Rate*, 1936-1937.—£398. The rate in the £ for the year for the Council's own purposes was 4s. 5½d. County Council, 7s. 8½d. Total, 12s. 2d.

| | Total. | Male. | Female. |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Live Births* (Legitimate) ... | 296 | 141 | 155 |
| *Live Births* (Illegitimate) ... | 11 | 3 | 8 |
| *Still Births* ..... | 15 | 9 | 6 |
| *Deaths* ..... | 245 | 126 | 119 |

*Birth Rate per* 1,000 *of the Estimated Resident Population.*—14.6.

*Still Births.*—Rate per 1,000 total births, 46.5.

*Death Rate per* 1,000 *of the Estimated Resident Population.*—11.7.

*Deaths from Puerperal Causes*:—

Deaths.—Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births, 3.1. Puerperal Sepsis, Nil. Other Puerperal Causes, 1. Total, 1.

*Death Rate of Infants under one year of age*:—

All infants per 1,000 live births, 39; Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, 40; illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, Nil.

*Deaths from Measles* (all ages).—Nil.

*Deaths from Whooping Cough* (all ages).—Nil.

*Deaths from Diarrhœa* (under 2 years of age).—Nil.

Total Population. CENSUS, 1931—SUMMARY OF RETURNS. Private Families and Dwellings, 1931.

| Parish. | Area in Statute Acres. | 1921. Persons. | 1931. Persons. | M. | F. | Persons per Acre. | Private Families. | Population in Private Families. | Structurally Separate Dwellings Occupied. | Rooms Occupied. | Persons per Room. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sittingbourne and Milton | 5,121 | 18,994 | 20,177 | 10,086 | 10,091 | 3.9 | 5,267 | 19,561 | 5,027 | 25,980 | 0.75 |
| Central Ward ... | 203 | 4,238 | 3,548 | 1,808 | 1,740 | 17.5 | 882 | 3,422 | 841 | 4,100 | 0.83 |
| Chalkwell Ward... | 182 | 3,307 | 3,006 | 1,506 | 1,500 | 16.5 | 784 | 2,957 | 744 | 4,005 | 0.73 |
| East Ward ... | 1,165 | 3,722 | 3,332 | 1,700 | 1,632 | 2.9 | 897 | 3,307 | 849 | 4,512 | 0.73 |
| North Ward ... | 1,950 | 2,621 | 3,670 | 1,931 | 1,739 | 1.9 | 850 | 3,358 | 812 | 3,851 | 0.87 |
| South Ward ... | 1,216 | 1,904 | 3,095 | 1,439 | 1,656 | 2.5 | 864 | 3,032 | 827 | 4,452 | 0.68 |
| West Ward ... | 405 | 3,202 | 3,526 | 1,702 | 1,824 | 8.7 | 990 | 3,485 | 954 | 5,010 | 0.70 |
| Total | 5,121 | 18,994 | 20,177 | 10,086 | 10,091 | 3.9 | 5,267 | 19,561 | 5,027 | 25,980 | 0.75 |

## A COMPARISON OF VITAL STATISTICS, Etc., OF 1936 WITH 1935.

| Year. | Birth Rate. | Death Rate. | Infant Mortality. | Typhoid. | Diphtheria. | Scarlet Fever. | Tuberculosis all forms. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1936 | 14.6 | 11.7 | 39 | — | 7 | 10 | 17 |
| 1935 | 16.4 | 11.4 | 32 | 1 | 34 | 30 | 18 |

BIRTH-RATES, DEATH-RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL DEATH - RATES, AND CASE-RATES for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1936. — England and Wales, London, 122 Great Towns and 143 Smaller Towns.

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly & Quarterly Returns.)

| | England and Wales | 122 County Boro's and Great Towns including London | 143 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census) | London Administrative County |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rates per 1,000 Population | | | |
| Births :— | | | | |
| Live .. .. .. | 14.8 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 13.6 |
| Still .. .. .. | 0.61 | 0.67 | 0.64 | 0.53 |
| Deaths :— | | | | |
| All Causes .. .. | 12.1 | 12.3 | 11.5 | 12.5 |
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers .. | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Smallpox .. .. | — | — | — | — |
| Measles .. .. | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.14 |
| Scarlet fever .. | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Whooping Cough .. | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.06 |
| Diphtheria .. .. | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Influenza .. .. | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.14 |
| Violence .. .. | 0.52 | 0.45 | 0.39 | 0.52 |
| Notifications :— | | | | |
| Smallpox .. .. | 0.00 | 0.00 | — | — |
| Scarlet fever .. | 2.53 | 2.18 | 2.48 | 2.57 |
| Diphtheria .. .. | 1.39 | 1.31 | 1.26 | 1.69 |
| Enteric fever .. | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Erysipelas .. .. | 0.40 | 0.38 | 0.35 | 0.44 |
| Pneumonia .. .. | 1.11 | 1.10 | 0.96 | 0 99 |
| | Rates per 1,000 Live Births | | | |
| Deaths under 1 year of age .. .. .. | 59 | 63 | 55 | 66 |
| Deaths from Diarrhœa and Enteritis under 2 years of age .. .. | 5.9 | 8.2 | 3.4 | 14.4 |
| Maternal Mortality :— | | | | |
| Puerperal Sepsis .. | 1.40 | Not available | | |
| Others .. .. | 2.41 | | | |
| Total .. .. .. | 3.81 | | | |
| | Rates per 1,000 Total Births (*i.e.* Live and Still) | | | |
| Maternal Mortality :— | | | | |
| Puerperal Sepsis .. | 1.34 | Not available | | |
| Others .. .. | 2.31 | | | |
| Total .. .. .. | 3.65 | | | |
| Notifications :— | | | | |
| Puerperal fever .. | 3.27 | 3.46 | 2.80 | 3.03 |
| Puerperal pyrexia .. | 9.64 | 9.52 | 7.57 | 11.15 |

## INFANT MORTALITY.

### ALL AGES UNDER ONE YEAR.

| | Males. | Females. |
|---|---|---|
| Under Four Weeks ..... | 1 | 4 |
| Four Weeks—Three Months ..... | 4 | 1 |
| Three Months—Six Months ..... | — | 1 |
| Six Months—Nine Months ..... | — | — |
| Nine Months—Twelve Months ..... | — | 1 |
| | 5 | 7 |

### ALL CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR.

| | Males. | Females. |
|---|---|---|
| Premature Birth ..... | 1 | 1 |
| Congenital Defects ..... | 2 | 3 |
| Bronchitis and Pneumonia ..... | 2 | 2 |
| Influenza ..... | — | 1 |
| | 5 | 7 |

These tables show that 5 deaths out of 12 occurred in the first four weeks of life and 10 in the first three months. The chief causes being premature birth and congenital defects.

The number of infants' deaths in the preceding year were:—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1935 ..... | 11 |
| 1934 ..... | 18 |
| 1933 ..... | 22 |
| 1932 ..... | 23 |
| 1931 ..... | 11 |

## VACCINATIONS.

I have received the following information from the Vaccination Officer regarding Vaccinations in the district. The figures are approximately:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Births during 1936 ..... | 307 |
| 2. | Vaccinations ..... | 102 |
| 3. | Objections ..... | 192 |

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

*Medical Officer Infant Welfare*—Dr. H. BRADE-BIRKS, M.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

*Health Visitor*—Miss W. B. HUDSON, S.N.R., R.S.I., S.C.M.

The Welfare has continued its useful work during the year and under the direction of Dr. Brade-Birks.

Attendances have been satisfactory and special attention has been directed to increase breast feeding. The irregularities and decay of teeth, defects in tonsils and adenoids, ophthalmic troubles and orthopædic treatment have been under constant review. The Orthopædic Treatment is secured under an arrangement with the Kent County Council.

The Ante-Natal Clinics are regularly continued under the guidance of Dr. Brade-Birks. Increased appreciation is hoped for with the assistance of the new Midwives Act. Milk and Dental Treatment is provided for both expectant and Nursing Mothers.

Returns giving particulars of the work done during 1936:—

1. Population of the area served by the Council, ~~20,175~~ 20,920.

2. Number of births notified in the area during the year under the Notification of Births Act, 1907, as adjusted by any transferred notifications:—(*a*) Live Births, 300; (*b*) Still Births, 15; (*c*) Total, 315. (*d*) By Midwives, 146; (*e*) By Doctors and Parents, 169.

3. *Health Visiting.*

   Number of Officers employed for health visiting at the end of the year:—

   (i) By the Council, 1.

   Number of visits paid during the year by Health Visitor, 1,628.

   (i) To expectant mothers. First visits, 5. Total visits, 6.

   (ii) To children under 1 year of age. First visits, 295. Total visits, 892.

   (iii) To children between the ages of 1 and 5 years. Total visits, 730.

4. *Infant Welfare Centres.*

(*a*) Number of Centres provided and maintained by the Council, 1.

(*b*) Total number of attendances at the Centres during the year, 3,585.

(i) By children under 1 year of age, 2,622.

(ii) By children between the ages of 1 and 5 years, 963.

(*c*) Total number of children who first attended at the Centre during the year and who on the date of their first attendance were:—

(i) Under 1 year of age, 152.

(ii) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years, 16.

(*d*) Total number of children under 5 years of age who attended at the Centre during the year and who at the end of the year were:—

(i) Under 1 year of age, 107.

(ii) Over 1 year of age, 104.

(*e*) Percentage of notified live births represented by the number in (*c*) (i), 50.6.

Number of women sent by the Council during the year to a Maternity Institution, 2.

5. *Ante-Natal Clinics.*

(i) Number of Clinics provided and maintained by the Council, 1.

(ii) Total number of attendances at all Clinics during the year, 74.

(iii) Total number of women who attended at the Clinics during the year, 38.
Percentage of total notified births (live and still) represented by the total number of women shown under 5 (iii), 6.8.

6. *Supply of Milk and Food.*

| Terms of Supply. | MILK. | | OTHER FOOD. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Expectant Mothers. | Nursing Mothers. | Children under 5 years of age. | Expectant Nursing Mothers. Children under 5 years of age. |
| Free, or at less than cost price in necessitous cases ..... | Yes | Yes. | Yes. | No. |
| At cost price in other cases (*e.g.*, sale of dried milk at Centres) | Yes | Yes. | Yes. | — |

## ORTHOPÆDIC TREATMENT.

The local Maternity and Child Welfare Committee have arranged to participate in the County Scheme for the treatment of crippled children.

This scheme involves the services of a specialist surgeon, the necessary arrangements for securing indoor hospital or out-patient treatment, and after-care treatment.

The majority of cases at the Orthopædic Clinic are treated for rickets and its attendant troubles, including club foot, knock-knees and bow legs. Congenital dislocation of the hip is corrected; spinal curvatures and similar malformations are also dealt with.

During the year 11 patients attended the Orthopædic Out-Patients' Clinic at Sheerness on 24 occasions.

## MATERNAL DEATHS.

Number of women who died in, or in consequence of, childbirth in the area served by the Committee for Maternity and Child Welfare during the year:—

(1)—From sepsis, nil.

(2)—From other causes, 1.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

| Disease. | Number of cases notified during the year. | Number of cases visited by Officers of the Council. | Number of cases where home nursing was provided by the Council. | Number of Cases removed to Hospital. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| (2) Pemphigus Neonatorum ... | — | — | — | — |
| (3) Puerperal Fever ... | — | — | — | — |
| (4) Puerperal Pyrexia ... | 3 | 3 | Nil | 1 |
| (5) Measles and German Measles (in children under 5 years of age) | Not notifiable | — | — | — |
| (6) Whooping Cough ,, | ,, | — | — | — |
| (7) Epidemic Diarrhœa ,, | ,, | — | — | — |
| (8) Poliomyelitis ,, | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

*Approximate average weekly attendances at Maternity and Infant Welfare Centres:—*

CHURCH STREET CENTRE.
(Twice weekly)
Mothers, 55.
Babies, 68.

TODDLERS' CENTRE.
(Monthly)
Children 2-5 years.
8.

## ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.

During the year there were 74 attendances of 38 expectant mothers.

In very necessitous cases help is given in the form of milk food.

During the year the total amount of milk granted to mothers and children under the Milk Order, free, was:— 4,562 pints of milk; 426 packets of dried milk.

Dental treatment for expectant and nursing mothers is in force.

Bad teeth in expectant mothers is a potential source of infection, and may be conducive of puerperal fever, and affect breast feeding when nursing.

## ADMISSION OF CONFINEMENT CASES TO HOSPITAL.

Arrangements have been made with the Royal Naval and Marine Maternity Nursing Home, Gillingham, and at Cliff House Maternity Home, Minster, Sheppey, for the reception of patients in complicated cases, where the home conditions of the patients are unsuitable.

During the year two patients were admitted at reduced fees.

## TREATMENT OF SQUINT.

The services of the School Oculist and the facilities of the School Ophthalmic Clinic are available for cases of squint in children under school age. The School Oculist examined the eyes of 2 children during the past year, and spectacles were prescribed in one instance.

## MIDWIVES.

1. (*a*) Number practising in the area served by the Committee for Maternity and Child Welfare at the end of the year, 2.

   (*b*) Number (1)—Employed by the Committee, nil.
   (2)—Subsidised by the Committee, nil.
   (3)—Employed by Voluntary Associations, nil.

## OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Arrangements for treatment of these cases have been made with the following Hospitals:—

Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.

7/- per day for mother and child, or 4/6 per day if child only admitted.

Kent County Ophthalmic Hospital, Maidstone.

£3 3s per week for mother and child, or £2 2s. per week if child only admitted.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester.

Admission only until transfer can be arranged to Ophthalmic Institution.

Number of cases notified during the year, nil.

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS' ACT, 1932.

The provisions relating to Infant Life Protection is in operation, and repeal the greater part of Part I. (Infant Life Protection) of the Children Act, 1908.

By these provisions the proper supervision of boarded out children is rendered more possible, as a number of loopholes which existed under the 1908 Act are now closed.

(1) The age is raised from 7 to 9 years.

(2) Notice must be sent to the Local Authority at least seven days before receiving the child, instead of within 48 hours after.

By these and other enactments the very necessary supervision of boarded-out children will be rendered more efficient.

(*a*) Number of persons on the Register who were receiving children for reward at the end of the year, 2.

(*b*) Number of children on the Register:—

(1) At the end of the year, 2.

(2) Who died during the year, nil.

(3) On whom inquests were held during the year, nil.

(4) Number or orders obtained during the year under Section 67 of the Act of 1932:—

(1) From a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, nil.

(2) From a single Justice, nil.

## CAUSES OF DEATH REGISTERED DURING 1936.

| Disease | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Influenza ... .. ... | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever ... ... | — | 1 | 1 |
| Respiratory Tuberculosis ... .. | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| Other Tuberculous Diseases .. | 1 | — | 1 |
| General Paralysis of the Insane, Tabes dorsalis ... ... ... ... | 1 | — | 1 |
| Syphilis ... ... ... ... | 1 | — | 1 |
| Cancer ... ... .. ... | 15 | 17 | 32 |
| Diabetes ... ... .. ... | — | 4 | 4 |
| Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc. ... ... | 12 | 13 | 25 |
| Heart Disease . | 31 | 23 | 54 |
| Other Circulatory Diseases ... .. | 10 | 11 | 21 |
| Bronchitis ... ... ... ... | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Pneumonia (all forms) ... .. | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| Other Respiratory Diseases... ... | 2 | — | 2 |
| Peptic Ulcer ... ... ... | 1 | - | 1 |
| Cirrhosis of Liver ... ... ... | — | 1 | 1 |
| Other Liver Diseases ... ... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Appendicitis ... ... ... | 1 | — | 1 |
| Other Digestive Diseases ... .. | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Acute and Chronic Nephritis ... | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| Puerperal Sepsis ... ... ... | — | — | — |
| Other Puerperal Causes ... ... | — | 1 | 1 |
| Congenital Causes, etc. ... ... | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Suicide ... . . ... . | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other Violence ... . .. | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Other Defined Diseases (including Old Age) ... ... ... ... | 15 | 15 | 30 |
| Totals . | 126 | 119 | 245 |

## CAUSES OF AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1936.

| Causes of Death. | All Ages. | Under 1 year. | 1 and under 2 years. | 2 and under 5 years. | 5 and under 15 years. | 15 and under 25 years. | 25 and under 45 years. | 45 and under 65 years. | 65 years and over. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Influenza ... ... ... | 5 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 |
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... |
| Respiratory Tuberculosis | 10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 5 | 4 | ... |
| Other Tuberculous Diseases ... ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | .. | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| General Paralysis of the Insane, Tabes Dorsalis | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Syphilis ... ... ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... |
| Cancer ... ... ... | 32 | . | ... | ... | .. | ... | 1 | 14 | 17 |
| Diabetes ... ... ... | 4 | . | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc | 25 | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Heart Disease ... ... | 54 | ... | .. | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | 12 | 39 |
| Other Circulatory Diseases ... ... | 21 | .. | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 16 |
| Bronchitis ... ... ... | 9 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | .. | 1 | 7 |
| Pneumonia, all forms ... | 11 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Other Respiratory Diseases | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... |
| Peptic Ulcer ... ... | 1 | .. | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | 1 | ... |
| Cirrhosis of Liver ... ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | . | .. | .. | 1 | ... |
| Other Liver Diseases ... | 2 | .. | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Appendicitis ... ... | 1 | ... | ... | . | ... | ... | .. | 1 | ... |
| Other Digestive Diseases | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | 2 | 1 |
| Acute and Chronic Nephritis ... ... | 11 | ... | . | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 3 | 7 |
| Puerperal Sepsis .. .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. |
| Other Puerperal Causes ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | 1 | ... | ... |
| Congenital Causes, etc. ... | 7 | 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Suicide ... ... .. | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... |
| Other Violence ... ... | 9 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Other Defined Diseases (including Old Age) ... | 30 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 18 |
| Totals ... ... | 245 | 12 | ... | 1 | 7 | 12 | 13 | 62 | 138 |

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

*Nursing in the Home.*—Two District Nurses provided by the Sittingbourne, Milton Regis and Murston Nursing Associations.

*Midwives.*—Two, in private practice.

*Health Clinics and Treatment Centres.*—School Clinic, Albany Street, Sittingbourne, Saturday mornings, from 10 to 12. By County Council.

*Dental Clinic.*—Albany Street, Sittingbourne, Fridays, from 10 o'clock, all day. By County Council.

*Eye Clinic.*—Albany Street, Sittingbourne, on Tuesdays, when required, at 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. By County Council.

*Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.*—One, Health Department, Church Street, Sittingbourne, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 2 to 4, and once a month on Thursdays, for children 2 to 5 years of age. By Local Authority.

*Clinics for Expectant Mothers.*—Held at Health Department, Church Street, Sittingbourne, every fourth Thursday in month, from 10 to 12. By Local Authority.

*Tuberculosis Dispensary.* — Albany Street, Sittingbourne, Mondays, from 12.30 to 1.30. By County Council.

## HOSPITALS.

1. Royal Naval and Marine Maternity Nursing Home, Barnsole Road, Gillingham. Arrangements have been made by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee by which local patients desiring admission for confinement can be received at reduced fees.

2. A. Keycol Hill Infectious Hospital. No. of beds 110, provided by Local Authority.

   B. Keycol Hill Tuberculosis Sanatorium. No. of beds 51 (47 by County Council, 4 by Local Authority).

3. Memorial Hospital, Sittingbourne. No. of beds 14, and 3 cots.

*Institutional Treatment for Unmarried Mothers and Illegitimate Children.*—There are none in the District.

*Ambulance Facilities.*—(1) For infectious cases. The Local Authority provides a Motor Ambulance. (2) For non-infectious and accident cases. The Local Authority provides a Motor Ambulance.

*Laboratory Work.* — Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Kent County Council Laboratory, and analyses of water, etc., by the County Analyst, Maidstone.

## MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES.

(1) Number of applications for registration.—Nil.

(2) Number of Homes registered.—Two.

*Maternal Mortality.*—Maternal deaths and cases of Puerperal Fever investigated by the Medical Officer of Health.

## PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

*Sanitary Inspector.*—Certified Royal Sanitary Institute, Certified Meat Inspector.

*Health Visitor.*—State Registered Nurse and Health Visitors' Certificate, State Certified Midwife.

## NOTIFIABLE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1936.

| Disease | Total Cases Notified | Cases Admitted to Hospital | Deaths |
|---|---|---|---|
| Scarlet Fever ... ... ... | 10 | 10 | Nil |
| Diphtheria ... ... ... | 7 | 7 | Nil |
| Erysipelas ... ... ... | 6 | 4 | Nil |
| Pneumonia . . ... ... | 4 | Nil | 1 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ... ... | 3 | 1 | Nil |

## SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS OF NON-NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1936.

| | Chicken Pox | Measles | German Measles | Mumps | Whooping Cough | Tonsilitis | Conjunctivitis |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 3 | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 1 |
| February | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| March | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| April | 1 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| May | 4 | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| June | 2 | 33 | ... | 5 | ... | ... | ... |
| July | ... | 28 | ... | 3 | ... | 1 | ... |
| August | ... | 60 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| September | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| October | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| November | ... | 39 | ... | ... | 21 | ... | ... |
| December | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | 5 | ... | ... |
| Totals ... | 13 | 174 | 1 | 12 | 26 | 1 | 1 |

Measles was very prevalent in the months of June, July, August and November, and Whooping Cough in November.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

There were 12 notifications of new cases of Tuberculosis of the Lungs, as compared with 12 in 1935.

The figures for the years 1932 to 1936 were as follows:—

| Year. | Pulmonary. | Rate per 1,000 of Population. | Non-Pulmonary. | Rate per 1,000 of Population. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1932 | 20 | 0.90 | 3 | 1.10 |
| 1933 | 24 | 1.1 | 1 | 0.05 |
| 1934 | 15 | 0.7 | 3 | 0.1 |
| 1935 | 12 | 0.5 | 6 | 0.2 |
| 1936 | 12 | 0.5 | 5 | 0.2 |

Notifications of Tuberculosis in this district good. There were no refusals to notify.

All deaths from Tuberculosis had been notified.

The Regulations of 1925 provide for the compulsory discontinuance of a person suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs, and who is in an infectious state, from employment involving the handling, etc., of milk. No action was taken under them during the year.

## TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930.

Under these Regulations the Medical Officer of Health is required to keep an up-to-date register of all notified cases.

| | Pulmonary. | Non-Pulmonary. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. on Register, 1st Jan., 1936 ..... | 157 | 39 | 196 |
| No. on Register, 31st Dec., 1936 ..... | 151 | 41 | 192 |

Of the above cases 8 were cured, 5 removed to other districts, 11 patients died.

Twenty fresh cases were added to the Register.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925, SECTION 62.

There was no necessity to take any action under these Regulations.

Table compiled from Local Records, giving details with regard to sex, age, etc., of notified new cases and deaths during 1936.

| Age Periods | New Cases. | | | | Deaths. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pulmonary. | | Non-Pulmon. | | Pulmonary. | | Non-Pulmon. | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Under 1 year. | ... | . | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... |
| 1-5 ..... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | .. | | ... |
| 5-10 ..... | ... | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 10-15 ..... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 15-20 ... . | ... | 2 | ... | ... | | ... | ... | ... |
| 20-35 ..... | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | ... |
| 35-45 .... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | .. | 2 | ... | ... |
| 45-55 ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | | ... |
| 55-65 ... . | 2 | .. | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... |
| 65 & over | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Totals ... | 7 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | ... |

## TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE.

The death rate is about the same as in the previous year.

According to the Registrar-General's returns deaths from tuberculosis of the lungs numbered 10, giving a death

rate of 0.4 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 0.3 per 1,000 in the previous year, and from other forms 1, or a death rate of 0.04 per 1,000 of the population.

The following table is inserted for the purposes of comparison:—

| | Deaths. | | | Death Rates per 1,000 of Population. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year. | All Forms | Pulmon. | Non-Pulmon. | All Forms | Pulmon. | Non-Pulmon. |
| 1932 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 0·6 | 0·5 | 0·0 |
| 1933 | 18 | 17 | 1 | 0·8 | 0·8 | 0·05 |
| 1934 | 19 | 18 | 1 | 0·9 | 0·8 | 0·04 |
| 1935 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0·5 | 0·3 | 0.1 |
| 1936 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0·5 | 0·4 | 0·04 |

## TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of patients from this district dealt with at the County Tuberculosis Dispensary during 1936, as supplied by Dr. John Robson, Tuberculosis Officer:—

1. Number of new cases ..... 58
2. Total number of attendances ..... 476
3. Number sent to institutions ..... 14

## AGES OF CASES NOTIFIED.

| | Under 1 Year | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | 65 and over | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Diphtheria ... | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 7 |
| Scarlet Fever ... | — | — | — | — | | 6 | 1 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 10 |
| Pneumonia ... | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Erysipelas ... | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | — | 6 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia . | — | — | - | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | 3 |
| Totals ... ... | — | 1 | | 1 | — | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 30 |

## PREMISES CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS.

*Houses Let in Lodgings.*—There are 3 houses let in lodgings, and 4 Common Lodging Houses. Frequent visits are made to ensure confirmation with the bye-laws.

*Fried Fish Shops.*—There are 9 in the District.

*Rag and Bone Dealers.*—There are 3 in the District.

*Bakehouses.*—Eight.

*Meat.*—There are 10 Slaughter Houses in the Sittingbourne and Milton Urban District.

During 1933 "The Slaughter of Animals Act" was passed. This Act includes the use of a mechanically operated instrument for the stunning of animals before slaughter, and the licensing of slaughter men. As a result, all bovines and pigs slaughtered in your District are first stunned with a mechanically operated instrument.

## PUBLIC HEALTH MEAT REGULATIONS.

Under these Regulations three hours' notice is required to be given of intending slaughtering, except where it is the regular practice to slaughter at fixed times and on fixed days.

## MILK.

There are 3 cowkeepers, 7 milkshops and dairies, and 31 purveyors of milk.

A number of shopkeepers are selling "Sterilised Milk," which is sold in bottles only. There is one retailer of "Grade A" T.T. milk, and one retailer of "Grade A" milk in the district.

There is one retailer of Pasteurised Milk in the district.

Frequent inspections are made of premises where milk is produced and retailed, and in addition periodical samples are taken for bacteriological examination.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

This involves inspection of dairies, cowsheds, bakehouses, butchers' shops, slaughter houses, fried fish shops, ice cream stores, pressed and preserved meat premises, and restaurants.

Specimens of milk are taken for examination for the number of organisms present, but the County Council is the responsible authority for sampling under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

## SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1928.

I am indebted to the Superintendent of Police, Sittingbourne, and to the Deputy Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures for a report on the administration of this Act.

| Article. | No. |
|---|---|
| Milks | 78 |
| Butter | 10 |
| Margarine | 11 |
| Lard | 4 |
| Coffee | 5 |
| Cream | 3 |
| Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine | 2 |
| Baking Powder | 1 |
| Boracic Ointment | 1 |
| Camphorated Oil | 1 |
| Castor Oil | 1 |
| Cocoa | 3 |
| Cod Liver Oil | 1 |
| Flour | 1 |
| Ground Cinnamon | 1 |
| Lemon Curd | 1 |
| Olive Oil | 1 |
| Preserved Peas | 1 |
| Sugar | 2 |
| Tincture of Iodine | 1 |
| Sausages | 1 |
| Mustard | 1 |
| Raspberry Jam | 1 |
| Strawberry Jam | 1 |

Result of proceedings taken under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928:—

1. Offence—Selling margarine which contained excessive water to the extent of 1.6 per cent.

   Result—Dismissed P.O. Act, 1907. To pay 46/- costs.

2. ,, Selling milk deficient in milk fat to the extent of 14.6 per cent.

   Result—Fined £1 and 8/- costs.

## HOUSING.

More houses are being built to re-house families who are being displaced to meet the requirements of the Housing Act, 1936.

*Eradication of Bed Bugs.*—This is not a serious problem in our District, but where individual houses are found to be infected the occupants and owners are notified to take the necessary steps for disinfestation.

## WATER SUPPLY.

Bacteriological examinations and chemical analysis of water were made during the year and were found satisfactory.

A sample of water from the Sittingbourne Swimming Baths was examined and was found satisfactory.

Bacteriological examination of a sample of water taken from a tap at Highsted Waterworks:—

### RESULT OF EXAMINATION.

| No. of organisms per c.c. capable of growth on Agar at: | | B. Coli (presumptive). | Other Tests. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37° C. | 22° C. | | |
| 4 | 33 | Absent from 100 c.c. | — |

Remarks: Good water.

(Signed) E. R. JONES,
Pathologist.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1936.

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

I have the honour to present my Annual Report of work carried out in my Department during the year 1936.

| | |
|---|---|
| Total number of Inspections made | 6131 |
| Water Supply—Samples taken | 8 |
| Drainage | 44 |
| Offensive Trades | 51 |
| Common Lodging Houses | 108 |
| Houses Let in Lodgings | 16 |
| Tents, Vans and Sheds | 27 |
| Factories, Workshops (including Bakehouses) | 126 |
| Public Conveniences | 59 |
| Rats and Mice Act | 52 |
| Smoke Observation | 12 |
| Schools | 45 |
| Petrol Storage Regulations | 39 |
| Infectious Cases | 29 |
| Slaughter Houses and Foodshops | 1262 |
| Carcases Inspected | 3887 |
| Cowsheds and Dairies | 109 |
| Samples of Milk | 45 |
| Ice Cream Premises | 14 |
| Restaurants | 8 |
| Housing Inspection | 3707 |
| Miscellaneous Visits | 370 |
| Complaints received and dealt with | 62 |
| Informal Notices served | 439 |
| Statutory Notices served | 17 |

## HOUSING (Inspection of District) REGULATIONS.

A greater part of my time than usual has been taken up by Housing Inspection. In addition to the usual systematic inspections it has been necessary in order to comply with the requirements of the Overcrowding Act to measure the rooms in most of the houses to enable me to find out the "permitted number" for each house.

The housing survey revealed the following interesting figures. It was found that there were:—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 150 | Houses | with | ... | 1 | Occupant |
| 6 | ,, | ,, | ... | 1½ | Occupants |
| 1170 | ,, | ,, | ... | 2 | ,, |
| 458 | ,, | ,, | ... | 2½ | ,, |
| 1085 | ,, | ,, | ... | 3 | ,, |
| 284 | ,, | ,, | ... | 3½ | ,, |
| 676 | ,, | ,, | ... | 4 | ,, |
| 188 | ,, | ,, | ... | 4½ | ,, |
| 323 | ,, | ,, | ... | 5 | ,, |
| 110 | ,, | ,, | ... | 5½ | ,, |
| 159 | ,, | ,, | ... | 6 | ,, |
| 61 | ,, | ,, | ... | 6½ | ,, |
| 72 | ,, | ,, | ... | 7 | ,, |
| 23 | ,, | ,, | ... | 7½ | ,, |
| 23 | ,, | ,, | ... | 8 | ,, |
| 9 | ,, | ,, | ... | 8½ | ,, |
| 8 | ,, | ,, | ... | 9 | ,, |
| 2 | ,, | ,, | ... | 9½ | ,, |
| 5 | ,, | ,, | ... | 10 | ,, |
| 1 | House | ,, | ... | 10½ | ,, |
| 1 | ,, | ,, | ... | 11 | ,, |

N.B.—Children under 10 years of age count as half a person.

It also revealed 33 cases of overcrowding, but by the end of the year this figure was reduced to 11.

To relieve overcrowding it is proposed to erect 12 houses with 4 bedrooms, and 16 houses with 3 bedrooms.

The following table shows in detail the work carried out in connection with Housing Inspections.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of houses inspected and details recorded | 1875 |
| General Inspections ..... | 1832 |
| Re-Inspections ..... | 540 |
| Intimation Notices served ..... | 403 |
| Statutory Notices served ..... | 17 |
| Number of Nuisances and Defects remedied ... | 698 |

## SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED.

| | |
|---|---|
| Walls, Roofs and Ceilings repaired | 264 |
| Doors and Windows | 34 |
| Eaves, Guttering and Downpipes | 22 |
| Floors | 47 |
| Grates, Coppers, repaired or renewed | 59 |
| New Sinks provided | 14 |
| Drains repaired or cleared | 44 |
| Water Closets repaired | 40 |
| Flushing Cisterns repaired | 16 |
| Sanitary Ash Bins renewed | 116 |
| Miscellaneous | 42 |

## COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are 4 Common Lodging Houses in your District. One each in Flushing Street, King Street, Gas Road and High Street, Milton. These have a total accommodation of 113 beds, 45, 14, 30 and 24 respectively.

The Common Lodging House situated in East Street was closed in December. Frequent inspections are made at varying times and, generally speaking, they have been kept in a clean condition.

There are 3 houses "Let in Lodgings"—furnished.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION.

All cases of Diphtheria (7), Scarlet Fever (10), and Pulmonary Tuberculosis (12) were investigated and disinfection carried out after removal to Hospital.

The total of 29 was the lowest for a considerable number of years.

Library books were also disinfected after use by infected persons.

## FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

There are 39 Factories and 53 Workshops on the register. During inspections special attention is given to cleanliness, ventilation and sanitary conveniences. I find that these premises are kept in a satisfactory condition.

## SCHOOLS.

The sanitary arrangements in connection with the Schools are frequently inspected and usually found in a clean and satisfactory condition.

With one exception—Holy Trinity Schools—all are provided with the "individual pan" type of Water Closet with proper flushing cisterns.

## MILK SUPPLY.

There are in the District 3 Cowkeepers, 7 Milkshops and Dairies, and 31 Purveyors of Milk.

A number of shopkeepers are retailing "Sterilised Milk," which is sold in bottles only.

Every effort is made to maintain a high standard of cleanliness, and an improvement is noticed every year. Frequent inspections are made of the premises where the milk is produced and retailed, and, in addition, samples are taken regularly for bacteriological examination. This examination indicates the degree of cleanliness and reveals any evidence of tuberculous infection. Also the County Council Veterinary Inspectors make clinical examination of the cows.

Forty-five samples of milk have been examined during the year, and the standard has been generally high.

## PETROLEUM ACTS.

There are 39 Licences issued for the storage of Petroleum, representing approximately 40,000 gallons of Petrol being stored in the District.

## SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND FOODSTUFFS.

The inspection of Meat takes up a considerable part of my time as every effort is made to see all carcases slaughtered.

During the year 3,887 carcases were inspected, and it was found necessary to condemn as unfit for human consumption 14 cwt. of Meat, compared with 16 cwt. in 1935.

In every case voluntary surrender was made. Periodical inspections are also made of shops where foodstuffs are retailed.

The following table gives details of Meat condemned:—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Bovine Carcase (diseased) | 550 lbs. |
| Pork (diseased) | 98 lbs. |
| Livers, etc. (diseased) | 860 lbs. |
| Fish (unsound) | 60 lbs. |
| | 1568 lbs. |

In addition to 10 Slaughter Houses, there are 22 Butchers' Shops, 9 Fried Fish Shops and 15 Fish Shops in your District.

These have been carried on during the year without causing a nuisance.

## RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919.

Under this Act it is the duty of the occupier of lands and buildings to take all necessary steps to destroy rats and mice on or in lands or buildings and to prevent the premises becoming infested.

All complaints have been promptly dealt with and advice given. A supply of reliable Rat Poison is kept at my Office and sold at cost price, 6d. per packet.

I should like to take the opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council for their helpful co-operation and support during the year.

I beg to remain,

Yours obediently,

JOSEPH VARLEY,
Sanitary Inspector.

## HOUSING.

1.—*Inspection of Dwelling Houses.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Total number of dwelling Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts | 3707 |
| | Number of inspections made for that purpose | 4146 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling houses (included under the preceding heading) which were *inspected* and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | 1875 |
| | Number of inspections made for that purpose | 2197 |

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..... 4

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..... 292

2.—*Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices.*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of *informal* action by the Local Authority or their officers ..... 275

3.—*Action under Statutory Powers.*

A. Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930:—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..... 17

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices:—

(*a*) By Owners ..... 17

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—

(1 Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..... 0

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which such defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—

(*a*) By Owners ..... 0

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

C. Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930:—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... 4

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in persuance of Demolition Orders ..... 4

D. Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930:—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..... 0

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..... 0

4.—*Housing Act*, 1935. *Overcrowding*:—

(*a*) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ..... 11

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... 11

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 103

(*b*) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ..... 0

(*c*) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ..... 16

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ..... 110

(*d*) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ..... 0

(*e*) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions ..... 0

The outstanding overcrowding cases are those of large families, and to deal with these the Council propose to build a number of houses with four bedrooms.

*FAVERSHAM PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.*

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

I beg to submit my Report of the Milton Creek Area of your Port for the year ending 31st December, 1936.

During the year under review I have made frequent visits to the vessels in the Creek, and I am pleased to report that on no occasion have I found it necessary to make application or serve notices on the owners of the vessels in regard to sanitary defects.

The vessels as a whole are well kept and clean, and the water supply arrangements are satisfactory, iron tanks or barrels being used for the storage of water.

Occasionally barges freighted with manure for agricultural purposes arrive, and these are usually examined before departure to see they are properly cleaned.

As previously stated, very few rats get aboard the vessels, but, when they are found, quick measures are taken to exterminate them.

No infectious cases were reported from the barges during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH VARLEY, M.S.I.A.